

My River Runs to Thee

Piano & Soprano

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From the collected poems of Emily Dickinson, here is number XI.

My river runs to thee:
Blue sea, wilt welcome me?

My river waits reply.
Oh sea, look graciously!

I'll fetch thee brooks
from spotted nooks,-

Say, sea,
Take me!

Composed at the University of Houston for Sheila López and Alejandro Barrañón, this piece is made with both techniques, tonal and serial. The tempo marking suggests an adagio but the main idea is to give it theatrical sense and timing for a complete enjoyment of the text setting.

I hope you like it as much as I do.

Juan Luis

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Rubato (♩ = 72)

Soprano

Pianoforte

mf *mp* *mf*

Red.

3

Pf

5

Pf

7

Pf

9

Pf

8^{vb}

19

S. *ply.* oh sea, look gra- cious-

Pf

21

S. *ly!*

Pf

(8vb)-----

23

S.

Pf

25

S.

Pf

The musical score is for a song titled "My River Runs to Thee". It is a piano-vocal piece. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line (S.) and a piano accompaniment (Pf). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system (measures 19-20) features a vocal line with a long note on "ply." followed by a half note on "oh", and then a phrase "sea, look gra- cious-" with a slur over the last three notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. The second system (measures 21-22) has a vocal line with a long note on "ly!" followed by a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The third system (measures 23-24) has a vocal line with a whole note. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The fourth system (measures 25-26) has a vocal line with a whole note. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. There are dynamic markings like *Pf* and *8vb* (octave below) in the piano part.

27

S. I'll fetch thee brooks from spot- ted nooks-

Pf

29

S.

Pf

8vb-----

31

S. Say, sea,, Take

Pf

port.

33

S. me!

Pf

6

8vb-----